

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application: Ron Wortley et al.  Serial No.: 10/814,318  Filed: March 31, 2004  For: FLEXIBLE CONNECTION CATHETER TUNNELER AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME	Confirmation No. 5172  Group Art Unit: 3734  Examiner: Bachman, Lindsey M.
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Filed herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the period for responding to this Office Action to December 9, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.